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In 2016, MHCC will be auditing Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Operative Procedures (denominators only) for all hospitals and Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) data for 12 facilities.

SSI Denominator Data Review

The SSI procedures audit will include all hospitals and data submitted for the month of September 2015. As in the past, this audit will be performed by comparing NHSN and HSCRC data sets and does **not** require additional data from hospitals. After MHCC's contractor (AGS) completes the SSI Procedure analysis, facilities will receive a preliminary hospital report with line listed cases and an explanation of findings. This information will be sent through the Onehub portal. After completion of the review, we will hold a webinar to summarize findings and discuss next steps.

CAUTI Data Audit (12 hospitals)

MHCC has decided to perform a targeted CAUTI audit for data submitted for Quarter 2 of 2015 (April 1- June 30, 2015) for 12 hospitals. The hospitals were selected for CAUTI review using the *Targeted Sampling of Facilities and Medical Records* process outlined in the *NHSN External Validation Guidance and Toolkit 2014* (<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/validation/2014/2014-nhsn-ev-guidance.pdf>). The 12 hospitals will have an on-site visit between mid-March and April 30, 2016. An email will be sent to these hospitals **today** with more information concerning data requirements and timeframes. A conference call with the 12 selected hospitals will be held next Wednesday, December 16th at 1:00pm.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me at eileen.witherspoon@maryland.gov or [410-764-3257](tel:410-764-3257) or Theresa Lee at theressa.lee@maryland.gov or [410-764-3328](tel:410-764-3328). Thank you for your continued support and efforts with this data collection.